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Statement by Speaker Cannon on Governor Scott Signing the 2012-2013 State Budget

Tallahassee—Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (R—Winter Park) today released the following statement regarding Governor Scott signing the 2012-2013 State Budget.

"It is clear that Governor Scott thoughtfully reviewed our work product, and I appreciate his approval of this important piece of legislation.

"The state budget signed into law today confronts an over \$1 billion shortfall without raising taxes, provides for more than \$2 billion in reserves to preserve our bond rating and increases education funding by more than \$1 billion.

"By holding the line on taxes in the face of a significant shortfall and taking the steps needed to preserve our bond rating, we are reaffirming our shared commitment to fostering a stable and reliable business climate ripe for private sector job creation. The \$1 billion increase in education funding takes this commitment one step further by ensuring that Florida remains home to a workforce equipped with the education and skills needed to compete and lead in a global economy."